(b) whether recent studies have indicated that it can be a source of generation of Atomic Energy; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to utilize the available monozite for production of atomic power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The thorium present in monazite can be used to produce energy. However, it is expected that use of thorium or a commercial scale for production of energy will be achieved only towards the end of this century.

Implementation of programmes

1689. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pursued till October 1, 1986 where the Ministry of Programme Implementation has succeeded in ensuring proper implementation of the programmes; and

(b) what is the State-wise break-up of the cases in which the Ministry has not met with success and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to implementation of Twenty Point Programme by the Ministry of Programme Implementation. This is done on monthly and quarterly basis. After the issue of Monthly Progress Reports, letters are addressed to State Governments bringing to their notice points/items of poor performance and urging them to take suitable measures for effective and speedy implementation of the Programme. The Ministry does not monitor cases.

Deal for the purchase of super computer from U.S.

1690. SHRI CHITTA BASU
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised deal with the United States for the purchase of highly sophisticated super computers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the conditions on which the super computer has been agreed to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Based on the evaluation of offers for super-computers from companies in United States and Japan, Government has placed one letter of intent with a US firm for the supply of super computer to India Meteorological Department. The US Government has not communicated the conditions for export of the super computer.

Arrest of culprits involved in assassination of General Vaidya

1691. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the culprits who were responsible for the assassination of General Vaidya have been apprehended and prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Two persons have been apprehended in this case and efforts are afoot to arrest the other accused. Prosecution will be launched on completion of investigation.